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SUBJECT: TURKISH FLIGHTS TO BERLIN

REF: A) BONN 13436 B) BERLIN 1594 C) BERLIN 1638

D) ANKARA 7489

SUMMARY: EMBASSY BELIEVES SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO GRANTING TURKISH AIRLINE (THY) LANDING RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN AND HAS DISTINCT IMPRESSION FROM FRENCH AND UK EMBASSY REPS THAT THEY MAY BE THINKING ALONG SAME LINES. FRG HAS ASKED THREE ALLIES TO SUPPORT THEM VIS-A-VIS TURKS ON TURKEY-EAST BERLIN FLIGHTS.
END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY AGREES WITH USBER'S ARGUMENTS ADVANCED REF-TEL C REGARDING PROBLEM OF TURKISH FLIGHTS TO BERLIN.
WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL AT
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THIS TIME TO REOPEN BONN GROUP STUDY OF NORTH-SOUTH

SERVICE AND INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF YUGOSLAV AIRLINE. SIMPLER, MORE EFFECTIVE WAY MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ADDITION OF THY TO PRESENT LIST OF SAS AND AUA WHICH HAVE BEEN GRANTED LANDING RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN. WE WOULD SEE NO OVERRIDING REASON, HOWEVER, WHY AUA COULD NOT BE DISPLACED FROM LIST, BUT IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE NOT TO DO SO IF ADDITION OF THIRD CARRIER WOULD NOT RAISE NECESSITY OF REOPENING AIR STUDY. BASED ON PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH AND UK BONN GROUP REPS, WE HAVE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THEY MAY WELL BE AMENABLE TO SUCH AN APPROACH.

2. FRG HAS FORMALLY ASKED IN BONN GROUP FOR ALLIED SUPPORT VIS-A-VIS TURKISH PLANS FOR EAST BERLIN FLIGHTS. FRG REP SAID THAT CHARGE PECKERT IN ANKARA MADE DEMARCHE ON SEPTEMBER 20 BASED MAINLY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, ASKING TURKS TO POSTPONE FLIGHTS TO EAST BERLIN IN ORDER TO RETAIN LEVERAGE FOR USE IN TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, OR AT LEAST FOR USE IN TALKS FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT RELATIONS. HE ASKED FOR TURKISH UNDERSTANDING IN NOT ALLOWING DIRECT TURKISH-GDR FLIGHTS AND SUGGESTED SUCH ACTION WILL GIVE ANKARA STRONG NEGOTIATING POSITION IN REQUESTING GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR LANDINGS IN WEST BERLIN. PECKERT APPARENTLY WAS INSTRUCTED TO TELL TURKS THAT FRG WOULD SUPPORT ANKARA IN REQUESTING LANDING RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: A) DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSED GRANTING THY LANDING RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN; AND B) DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS ON FRG REQUEST FOR SUPPORT VIS-A-VIS TURKEY.

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